

## Henry Soule Killed In An Auto Accident

Suffered a Broken Neck When Automobile Overturned in Ditch, Near Merrill, After Skidding in New Gravel.

### HIS DEATH IS SHOCK TO CITY

He Had For a Number of Years Been One of Alma's Most Prominent and Progressive Business Men and Was an Ideal Citizen.

The entire city of Alma was plunged into deep sorrow Friday evening, when it became known that Henry H. Soule, one of the most promising and progressive business men of the city, had been killed in an automobile accident near Merrill; as it was not until he had passed on, that Alma was brought to a full realization of what great value this upright Christian character, with his great business ability, had been to the community.

Mr. Soule had been to Saginaw earlier in the day, and was on his way home when the accident took place. He was accompanied by Joseph Netzorg. Near Merrill, in a patch of loose gravel, the automobile is said to have started to skid, and

alone, but had extended his activities to other communities. He constructed the plant of the Bollstrom Four-Drive Truck company at St. Louis, the Michigan State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Howell, and a plant for Libby, McNeill & Libby at Coldwater.

Even before his graduation from college Mr. Soule had been constructing homes in Alma, and this branch of the contracting business has continued here ever since. Not only has he constructed many houses in Alma, but also in Detroit, in Saginaw and in Midland.

Mr. Soule early began to show a splendid grasp for large business enterprises in addition to his own construction business, and was heavily



HENRY H. SOULE

It is believed that in the attempt to bring it into the road again, it was sent into the ditch.

Mr. Soule was killed instantly, his neck being broken. Mr. Netzorg was badly bruised and shaken, but when assistance arrived, he aided in getting Mr. Soule from under the automobile, which had overturned. Later in the evening Mr. Netzorg was brought back to Alma.

Mr. Soule has been most prominently identified with the growing city in which he lived since he graduated from Alma College in 1903. He began building houses in Alma, in fact during his college days, and following his graduation went into the hardware business as a member of the firm of Caple and Soule. After two years, he disposed of his hardware business in Alma and for a year was in the same business in Champaign, Illinois. He then returned to Alma, and resumed his contract work here.

In this line of business Mr. Soule has constructed most of the factories of the city. His first factory buildings of any importance were the plant of the Miller Saw-Trimmer Co. and the plant of the Little Giant Hay Press company, both of which are now a part of the Republic factories, one being known as plant No. 2 and the other as plant No. 3. The next factory to be constructed here was the plant of Libby, McNeill & Libby, and later he constructed new buildings for the packing company, doubling the capacity of the Alma plant. His building activities with the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, came on the heels of the Libby plant, and he has had charge of the construction work for the company practically ever since. The plant of the Western Carburator Co., the Standard Oil plant here, and that of the X-Cel-All Paint company were also built by him. His latest creation in factories in Alma, was the plant of the Northern Wheel company. At the time of his death, he was working on a large contract here for the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc.

Mr. Soule had not been active in such building operations in Alma

interested in many ventures in Alma. He was interested in the Twin Cities Realty company, formed in 1918, and was its president at the time of his death. Through this company he became interested in the Bollstrom Four-Drive Truck of St. Louis, and was recently elected as the president of that company, and since that time had been working strenuously on plans for the future development of the concern. He was interested in the St. Louis Foundry, of that city, and with other business men of this city was one of the prime movers in the re-organization of the Western Carburator company into the Truck Parts Foundry company. Such was his standing in the community that two years ago in May, he was elected as a trustee of the First State Bank of Alma.

His interests in this respect also led him outside of Alma and the county. He was interested in some enterprises in Saginaw and was a heavy stockholder in the Wayne Co. Realty company, of which he was president.

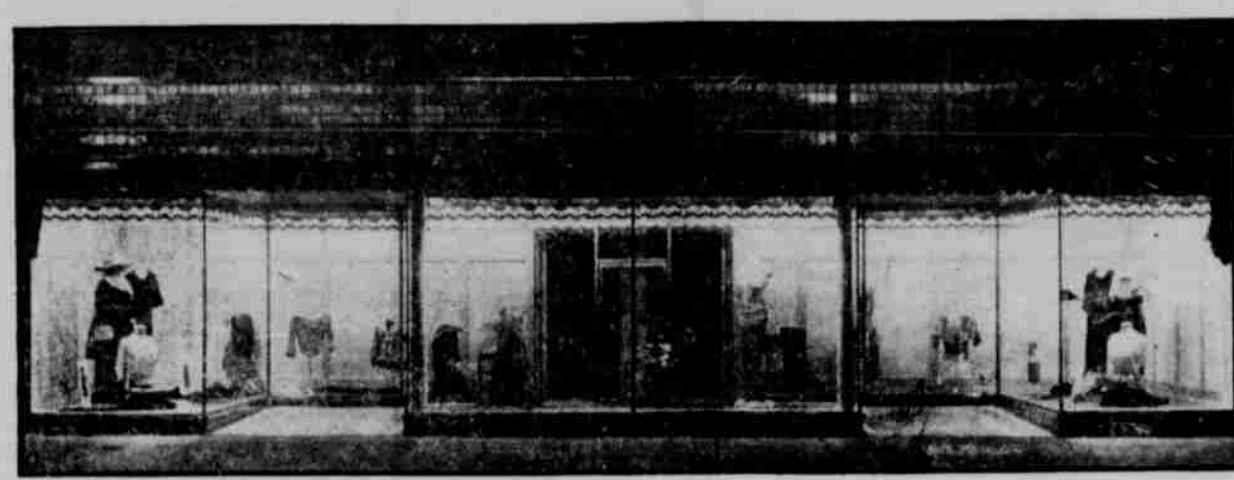
He has always been a public spirited citizen ready to devote his time to the best interests of the community, whenever he was called upon, and as such, had aided in bringing new industries to the city, and aided in the solution of community problems but will reflect to advantage in the future. Because of this spirit he had for some years been elected annually as a director of the Board of Trade, and last spring was elected as the vice president of the organization.

Mr. Soule had long been an active worker in church affairs, his first deep interest in this work coming during his high school days in Flint. On coming to Alma he continued his interest, as a most active worker in the Presbyterian church, and was both a trustee and elder of the church.

In May of 1917 Mr. Soule was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Messinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Messinger, who with his aged mother, Mrs. Sarah Soule, and sister, Laura Buxton Soule of this city, and

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## NEW GAFFNEY STYLE SHOP



**INJURED FRIDAY**  
Mrs. Milligan of Breckenridge was injured Friday evening, when a buggy in which she was driving with two companions, was struck on Michigan avenue, by an automobile, driven by Chester Benedict. Mr. Benedict was driving slowly, which alone kept the accident from being a serious one. He was slightly on the left side of the road, and his lights were rather dim, and he did not see the approaching rig, until the automobile struck it. Mrs. Milligan was not badly injured and her two companions were uninjured, except for a shaking up. The automobile was damaged, as well as the buggy, but neither very seriously.

## DETROIT MASONS TWICE DEFEATED

Republics Trucks Continued Their Big Winning Streak with Two Victories.

### SHERLOW WAS BIG PUZZLE

Kept Visitors Guessing in the Opening Battle of Series by His Splendid Pitching.

The Republic Trucks added two more games to their long string of victories the first of the week, when they defeated the Masonic All Stars of Detroit in a two-game series. The Masonic All Star team is an aggregation composed of the best players of the Masonic league of Detroit, and forms a strong team, one of the strongest that has gone out of Detroit this year.

Monday Sherlow was sent against the Detroiters, who had "Rubber" Krapp, former big league star in the box, and from the third inning on it was Sherlow's game all the way, as he was stung with hits, while the hard hitting Truckmakers smashed Krapp's offerings in a liberal way, collecting thirteen hits during the encounter, two of which were chalked up as triples.

Failure of Umpire Green to catch a play at the plate in the first inning gave the visitors two runs. While it cut no figure in the result of the game, it hurt badly at that spot, as it took the Truckmakers three innings to match up this count.

In the sixth the visitors collected another run, but it was promptly killed off, as the Republics grabbed two in their half of the inning, and in the eighth they proceeded to put the game on ice by copping off two more counters.

The Republics bunched their hits at opportune moments, eight of them being used in the counting of six runs in the three different innings. Aside from the pitching of Sherlow, who held the Detroiters to four hits, the features of the game were the hitting of Dunckle, who grabbed three knocks in four trips to the plate, and the fast double play that he pulled in the ninth to end the game.

Monday Game									
TRUCKS	AB	R	H	O	A	E			
Smith, rf	3	0	1	3	0	0			
Tooley, 2b	4	0	1	0	6	0			
Hunter, lf	4	0	2	1	0	0			
Chouinard, m	4	1	1	1	0	0			
Dunckle, 1b	4	2	3	1	0	0			
Loney, 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0			
McElligott, ss	3	0	2	3	0	0			
Devogt, c	4	1	1	8	0	0			
Sherlow, p	3	1	2	0	1	0			
	32	6	13	27	8	0			

Masons									
	AB	R	H	O	A	E			
Campbell, rf	4	0	1	0	1	0			
Inker, m	3	1	0	3	0	0			
Fearny, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0			
Purvis, lf	3	2	0	3	0	0			
Moore, ss	4	0	1	1	2	1			
Gallant, 2b	3	0	1	3	2	0			
Frutig, 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0			
Lee, c	3	0	0	4	0	0			
Krapp, p	3	0	0	0	6	0			
	31	3	4	24	13	1			

Masons—200 001 000—3  
Republics—002 002 028—6

Three base hits—Devogt, Dunckle. Two base hits—Moore. Stolen bases—Purvis 2, Campbell, Inker, Gallant, Frutig, McElligott 2. Sacrifice hits—Smith, McElligott. Double plays—Gallant to Moore to Frutig; Dunckle (unassisted). Struck out—By Sherlow 7, Krapp 7. Bases on balls—Sherlow 3, Krapp 1. Umpire—Green, Oswego.

**Tuesday's Game**  
Tuesday's game was a wild one, but it brought out some clever baseball at times that kept the crowd on its feet, until the Truckers wrecked it in the eighth by adding counters enough to make it safe, the final count being 7 to 3.

Hagerman was way off form on Tuesday, the Masonic All Stars taking the Republic Ace for eight hits. At that "Rip" had stuff enough to strike out thirteen of the Detroiters, but for the greater part of the game he was in trouble. At that Hagerman would have had trouble in winning his game, if it had not been for the fact that Weed went to pieces in (Continued on page five)

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### ORGANIZE CLUB

Tuesday evening a number of Alma Democrats gathered in the rooms over the Alma State Savings Bank, in response to a call, at which time the Cox-Roosevelt-Ferris Club was formed. The officers elected are: President, Frank F. Smith; secretary, Mrs. D. L. Johnson; treasurer, William A. Bahlke.

On Monday evening, September 20, at 8:00 o'clock another meeting will be held in the same rooms, at which time members of the Democrat club will be present. All members of the Cox-Roosevelt-Ferris Club are urged to be present at this meeting.

Best Candies—DeLuxe—77-tf-c

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

#### STILL INCREASING

Enrollment in Alma Schools Has Now Passed the Mark That Was Set a Year Ago.

True to expectations when the Alma schools opened last week, the enrollment is on the increase in both the high school and in the grades, and even now new attendance marks have been created, which without a question the coming months will boost to still larger figures.

Tuesday morning, it was stated that the attendance in high school had now passed the high mark of a year ago, although a week ago it was still considerably below the mark of last year. The splendid increase of the week was even more than anticipated, and there is no question but what if it should continue during the coming months at anywhere near the same proportion that it increased during the past week, Alma will face the necessity of constructing an addition to the high school, which is even now assuming a very crowded and congested condition.

The attendance in the various grades is showing a remarkable increase also, and the rooms in all of the buildings are crowded practically to capacity, and this condition leaves no question but that a new ward school must come within the coming year, as there is no indication that there will be any drop off in the attendance. Rather is there every expectation that it will continue to grow, the growth depending upon new arrivals in Alma during the year and the entering class that begins school in the middle of the school year.

### STATE CONVENTION

Legionaires Held Their State Convention in Saginaw.

The state convention of the American Legion held in Saginaw last week was a fine event according to the delegates who attended from the Alma post.

Among the addresses made at the convention was one by Dr. Willets of the health service, with headquarters in Chicago, who spoke of the work that is being done among ex-service men. He was also high in his praise of the Michigan Community Council, saying that it stood out as the best in the country.

William P. Sylvester of the public welfare bureau gave a highly interesting address on vocational training, and said that the bureau was working for the establishing of three stations in Michigan, in Detroit, Saginaw and Grand Rapids. He said that only 4,000 men are now receiving vocational training, and that 2,000 more have applied, but that there are many others who are entitled to receive it.

Mr. Hamilton, a liaison officer during the war, now with the Federal Board of Vocational Training gave one of the most interesting addresses of the convention, and in the address asked the Legionaires for support in a measure that the war board hoped to have adopted, that of making widows and orphans of service men, and those who fought with the Allies, eligible for vocational training.

To those entitled to receive compensation, the advice that was given was to go after it, as no one was around to hand out plums.

Dr. E. N. DuBois, Jerome Kanter and Commander H. Emerson Reece of the George W. Myers post of this city attended the convention and the latter was elected as one of the delegates from this district to the national convention to be held in Cleveland, September 27, 28 and 29.

Nalla Axmi—Ask him, he knows.—adv.

## Over Two Hundred Distributors Here

Baxter, House, MacManus, C. W. Read, Parlin and Others Give Addresses at Sessions Held by Company's Agents.

### BLOWN UP

Morgan Banking House in New York Wrecked by Bomb at Noon.

Telegraphic information received at noon today is to the effect that the Morgan banking house in New York City was blown up by a bomb shortly before noon. The report stated that a number of people were killed. The shock from the bomb was felt for miles around New York. Thousands of dollars damage was done.

### AGED ALMA WOMAN

#### DIED ON THURSDAY

Well Known Resident of This City Passed Away Following Stroke of Apoplexy.

After an illness of only twenty-eight hours, following upon a stroke of apoplexy, Mrs. Charles Jewett Sterling died at her home on State street, on Thursday, September 8th. A funeral service was held at the house on Friday at 2:30 Rev. J. Frank Jackson officiating; and the next day interment took place in the family lot at Jonesville, Michigan.

The last of three sisters to have lived and died in this house—Miss Catherine Delevan and Miss Mary Caroline Delevan having passed away full of years, a short time since—Agnes E. Sterling was born in Jonesville, Michigan, on July 22nd, 1843, the third daughter of Henry A. Delevan and Mary Tillinghast Delevan. Like her sisters she received a most careful and thorough education. On February 8th, 1871, took place her marriage to Charles J. Sterling; a marriage whose fiftieth anniversary would have been celebrated next February, Niles, Michigan, where Mr. Sterling was in business, became their home, for the following ten years. They then removed to Chicago, remaining there until 1912, since which year Mr. and Mrs. Sterling have made their home in the dignified family dwelling on State street.

Wherever Mrs. Sterling lived, she was busy in all good ways. Wherever she lived, she made and kept many warm, devoted friends. In the Woman's Club of Chicago, this was true. In the very remarkable work done by Mrs. Sterling while head of the Bureau of Charities of the North Side of Chicago, it was true again. Mrs. Sterling's special interest lay in charitable work.

In the Home for Aged People of the Episcopal Church, a Chicago Institution, she served both as a member of the Board and Chairman of the House Committee. She took part in such work at Niles, as well as in Chicago. Devoted to her home and husband, Mrs. Sterling was most generous with her special gifts. Among these, was a pronounced talent in certain interesting forms of entertainment. How many people young and old, will remember with delight the hours made pleasant and stimulating for them by this gifted woman. She had a special fondness for young society, a special sympathy with young people; and leaves beside her nearest family, a group of nephews and nieces to whom she was devotedly attached and by whom she was dearly loved. The many friends of Mrs. Sterling will think in retrospect of her strong character, her warm attachments, her courtesy, which was second nature; of her ability, her versatility and of her keenness of perception with regard to people, which was quite out of the ordinary. Her ready wit and humor, and her enjoyment of all things fine and interesting. The memory of this valuable and delightful woman will abide in the minds and hearts of those whose privilege it was to know her; her place can not be filled.

### CAMP GRANT SCHOOL

The Camp Grant School will open the first of November, and any one going to this school can take up any one of twenty different trades that are to be taught there. The subjects that will be taught there are music, agriculture, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, machine work, shop work, foundry work, drafting, automotive (all branches), textile, highway construction, complete business course and food department, including school for cooks and bakers. All enlisted men have their laundry free in the army in all camps and posts, the Camp Grant laundry being one of the best in the country. It employs 100 civilians, and turns out a quality of work better than most city laundries.

Camp Grant has all kinds of athletic teams, including a fast polo team. Sgt. C. E. Marsh of the local recruiting station will be glad to talk over the matter with anyone at any time. Enlistments for that camp can be made now.

Charles Ray—Strand Theatre Sunday.—adv.

### NEW MODELS WERE SHOWN

Republic Dealers from All Parts of Country in Alma for Two Day Convention.

The convention of the Republic distributors which was held in Alma on Monday and Tuesday of the present week was the largest, most important, interesting and successful gathering of dealers ever gotten together in the automotive industry. Brought here from all corners of the globe, Republic distributors and their organization heads, came to see, hear and learn the true facts upon which the future of the Republic company is being built. That they were thoroughly satisfied with what they saw and heard was the unanimous expression of the more than 200 distributors who attended the convention, and the impression made upon them is bound to be lasting.

The convention was opened at 9:45 a. m. on Monday by Thos. M. House, General Sales Manager, who gave the address of welcome, during which he outlined the purposes for which the convention was called, and the definite things planned to be accomplished. This was followed by a review of Republic models and general discussion concerning them.

In Monday's afternoon session Theo. F. McManus of Detroit delivered an address entitled "Building Below the First Line." In Mr. McManus' talk he outlined the plainest business truths and showed clearly how these simple truths, if agreed upon in advance and consistently followed in all the expressions made in connection with a product and the workings of an organization, were bound to result in certain definite results. The theme of Mr. McManus' remarks was based upon the fact that no business and no organization can hope to be successful unless the bulwark of its policy and actions is founded upon rules of common sense, plain truths and the desire to do the right thing. These elements when combined and persistently practiced lead to the most important thing which a man or a business organization can secure; namely, public confidence.

Following Mr. McManus' address the convention proceeded to Republic Field where a baseball game was played by the Republic team and the Detroit Masonic All Stars. In this game Bob Sherlow pitched good, heady, ball and had no difficulty in trimming the visitors by a score of 6 to 3.

Following the ball game a magnificent banquet was served in the Republic restaurant and the day's activities wound up with a special vaudeville brought to the Strand Theatre by the Republic Truck Sales Corporation.

Tuesday's session of the convention opened with addresses by H. I. Shepherd and Walter P. Chrysler, Treasurer and General Manager, respectively, of the entire Willys interests. The assembled Republic distributors listened with rapt attention to the important messages delivered by these men, affecting the status of the Republic Truck business at the present time and for the future. The general trend of their addresses proved conclusively that it is the definite object and purpose to make the Republic Company the outstanding, largest and most important factor in the truck division of the automotive industry, and that this result will and must be accomplished without fail. That their remarks were appreciated and went home was manifested very plainly by all the distributors present, and the enthusiasm with which the remarks were received showed plainly that the Republic organization is today stronger, and more closely united with the general policies of the business than ever before in the company's history. Mr. W. J. Baxter, Vice President of the Republic Company and President of the Torbensen Axle Company, addressed the convention and substantiated in main all the policies and plans which had been previously outlined by Messrs. Shepherd, Chrysler and House. Mr. Baxter expressed his conviction that the two hundred or more assembled distributors would give Mr. House and his organization their undivided support and co-operation, and prophesied a wonderfully successful future for the entire Republic organization. The utterances of Messrs. Shepherd, Chrysler and Baxter met with such hearty approval by the assembled distributors that they arose en masse and gave three rousing cheers in honor of the heads of the organization.

Mr. Chas. C. Parlin, Manager of the Commercial Research Division of the Curtis Publishing Company followed on the program and delivered an address entitled "The Farm Field As It Affects the Sale of Motor Trucks." Mr. Parlin is a national authority on economic subjects and has for years gathered facts and figures (Continued on page eight)